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1. IN REPLY TO REF. CABLE A SURVEY OF TWO COMPANIES PROMINENT IN THE PRODUCTION OF AMINO ACIDS, WINTHROP LABORATORIES AND SCHAFER CHEMICAL CO., INDICATES THAT HUMAN HAIR IS NOT USED IN THE U.S. FOR THE PRODUCTION OF AMINO ACIDS. SINCE AMINO ACIDS ARE USED IN PHARMACEUTICALS AND PRODUCTION OF FOOD AND FEED SUPPLEMENTS, PRODUCTION METHODS MUST MEET STANDARDS OF "GOOD MANUFACTURING PRACTICES". THE UTILIZATION OF HUMAN HAIR MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO STANDARDIZE RAW MATERIAL INPUTS ACCORDING TO THE FDA.

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2. THE U.S. TARIFF COMMISSION HAS CONFIRMED THAT HUMAN HAIR IMPORTS FROM COUNTRIES NOT ENJOYING MFN STATUS IS SUBJECT TO 20 PERCENT TARIFF AD VALOREM. IMPORTS FROM MFN STATES FACE 4 PERCENT RATE.

3. WOULD SUGGEST THAT PRC SEEK WLSEWHERE TO SELL HUMAN HAIR FOR AMINO ACID MANUFACTURE. KISSINGER

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